### **Lexington 20/20 Vision Survey**

Lexington is a vibrant, active and diverse community whose residents are invested in the Town's character and sense of community. In 1999, the 20/20 Committee was formed by the Town's three elected boards — the Selectmen, the School Committee, and the Planning Board — to engage a wide range of Lexington's citizens in developing a vision of Lexington's future that can guide the Town's decision making. The 20/20 Committee has regularly used community meetings, surveys, focus groups, and working groups on specific topics to formulate and refine a long-range vision for the Town. The vitality and legitimacy of our work has depended on the participation of thousands of residents.

This year, to keep the Town forward-looking, the 20/20 Committee, with support from the three elected boards, is again seeking citizen participation in identifying the aspects of our Town that are of greatest interest and concern. The results of this survey will be broadly shared with the Town's decision makers, and will guide both their decision-making and the 20/20 Committee in identifying areas deserving further review. We need your input to assure that our planning reflects the community's shared vision. The Board of Selectmen, the School Committee, and the Planning Board are specifically hoping to use information from this survey to inform their understanding of community perspectives.

Please take a few minutes to complete the following questionnaire.

Be assured that your responses will be anonymous and that they will be kept confidential.

Findings will be presented in terms of aggregated data, not individual responses.

Your replies will help inform decision-making in our Town as we move toward the future.

PART ONE: For each item in the left-hand column of the following tables, please indicate (by placing a check mark next to the response most appropriate for you):

- 1) how important the item is to you in preserving or improving Lexington,
- 2) how you would rate the current performance of the Town with regard to the item, and
- 3) which item is most important to you within each list of items. (Choose only one response for each list.)

### \*1. Table 1A: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Importance

# How important are each of the following items to you in preserving or improving Lexington?

	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all
Attracting additional business developments	O	0	O	0	0
Having a vibrant downtown that attracts residents and visitors	0	0	0	0	O
Capitalizing on the Town's history to attract a large number of tourists	0	0	0	O	O
Providing supportive regulatory framework for economic development	0	0	0	0	O

#### \*2. Table 1B: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Current Performance

# How would you rate the current performance of the Town with regard to each of the following items?

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	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't know
Attracting additional business developments	0	0	0	0	0	O
Having a vibrant downtown that attracts residents and visitors	O	0	О	O	O	O
Capitalizing on the Town's history to attract a large number of tourists	O	0	0	O	O	O
Providing supportive regulatory framework for economic development	O	O	O	O	O	0

### **\*3. Table 1C: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### Please indicate which ONE of the items in the list below is MOST important to you:

- Attracting additional business developments
- Having a vibrant downtown that attracts residents and visitors
- Capitalizing on the Town's history to attract a large number of tourists
- O Providing supportive regulatory framework for economic development

## \*4. Table 2A: EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE - Importance

# How important are each of the following items to you in preserving or improving Lexington?

	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all
Ensuring high quality of public schools	O	O	O	0	0
Providing life-long learning opportunities for residents	0	O	0	O	O
Attracting and retaining high quality teachers	0	O	0	O	O
Maintaining grounds and buildings of public schools	0	O	0	O	O
Planning for the future of the educational system	0	O	0	O	O
Delivering public education cost-effectively	0	O	0	O	O
Providing adequate funding for education	0	O	O	O	O

## \*5. Table 2B: EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE - Current Performance How would you rate the current performance of the Town with regard to each of the following items?

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Ensuring high quality of public schools	O	O	•	0	0	O
Providing life-long learning opportunities for residents	O	O	O	O	O	O
Attracting and retaining high quality teachers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maintaining grounds and buildings of public schools	O	O	0	0	O	0
Planning for the future of the educational system	0	O	0	0	0	О
Delivering public education cost-effectively	O	O	0	0	O	0
Providing adequate funding for education	0	0	0	0	0	0

### \*6. Table 2C: EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

Please indicate which ONE of the items in the list below is MOST important to you:
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0	High quality of public schools
0	Life-long learning opportunities for residents
0	High quality teachers
0	Maintenance of school grounds and buildings
0	Planning for the future of the educational system
0	Cost-effective public education
0	Adequate funding for education

### \*7. Table 3A: ENVIRONMENT - Importance

# How important are each of the following items to you in preserving or improving Lexington?

	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all
Protecting open spaces from development	0	O	O	0	O
Preserving the environment in open spaces	O	0	O	O	O
Minimizing impact of individuals, businesses and government on the environment	О	О	O	О	О
Reducing energy consumption by individuals, businesses and government	O	0	O	O	O
Maintaining use of agricultural/farm lands	0	0	O	O	O
Providing citizen education about sustainability	0	0	O	O	O

# \*8. Table 3B: ENVIRONMENT - Current Performance How would you rate the current performance of the Town with regard to each of the following items?

Good Excellent Very Good Fair Poor Don't Know 0 0 0 0 0 0 Protecting open spaces from development Preserving the environment 0 0 0 0 0 0 in open spaces 0 Minimizing impact of individuals, businesses and government on the environment  $\bigcirc$ 0 0 0 0 0 Reducing energy consumption by individuals, businesses and government 0 0 0 0 0 Maintaining use of agricultural/farm lands Providing citizen education 0 0 0 0 0 0 about sustainability

#### \*9. Table 3C: ENVIRONMENT

### Please indicate which ONE of the items in the list below is MOST important to you:

- Protecting open spaces from development
- Preserving the environment in open spaces
- Minimizing impact of individuals, businesses and government on the environment
- Reducing energy consumption by individuals, businesses and government
- Maintaining use of agricultural/farm lands
- O Providing citizen education about sustainability

# \*10. Table 4A: PHYSICAL CHARACTER - Importance How important are each of the following items to you in preserving or improving Lexington?

	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all
Preserving the Town's historic areas and structures	0	O	0	0	O
Making Town's historic areas and structures accessible to all residents and visitors	O	О	O	O	0
Preserving the physical character of residential neighborhoods	O	0	О	0	0
Enhancing the physical environment of the Town Center	O	0	O	0	0
Managing the flow of traffic through Town	0	O	0	O	O
Ensuring adequate, convenient parking in the business districts	O	0	O	O	O

### \*11. Table 4B: PHYSICAL CHARACTER - Current Performance

# How would you rate the current performance of the Town with regard to each of the following items?

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Preserving the Town's historic areas and structures	O	0	0	0	0	O
Making Town's historic areas and structures accessible to all residents and visitors	O	0	0	O	0	O
Preserving the physical character of residential neighborhoods	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enhancing the physical environment of the Town Center	O	0	0	0	0	0
Managing the flow of traffic through Town	O	O	0	0	О	0
Ensuring adequate, convenient parking in the business districts	O	O	O	0	O	O

### \*12. Table 4C: PHYSICAL CHARACTER

### Please indicate which ONE of the items in the list below is MOST important to you:

0	Preserving the Town's historic areas and structures
0	Making Town's historic areas and structures accessible to all residents and visitors
0	Preserving the physical character of residential neighborhoods
0	Enhancing the physical environment of the Town Center
0	Managing the flow of traffic through Town
0	Ensuring adequate, convenient parking in the business districts

### \*13. Table 5A: POPULATION DIVERSITY - Importance

# How important are each of the following items to you in preserving or improving Lexington?

	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all
Welcoming diverse groups of people	O	O	0	0	O
Ensuring housing is available for a diverse population	0	0	C	0	O
Offering gathering places for diverse ages and interests	0	0	O	0	©
Providing books and other materials for a diverse population in the library	O	0	O	O	0

# \*14. Table 5B: POPULATION DIVERSITY - Current Performance How would you rate the current performance of the Town with regard to each of the following items?

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Welcoming diverse groups of people	0	O	0	0	0	O
Ensuring housing is available for a diverse population	O	0	0	0	0	0
Offering gathering places for diverse ages and interests	0	O	0	0	0	0
Providing books and other materials for a diverse population in the library	0	0	0	0	0	0

### \*15. Table 5C: POPULATION DIVERSITY

### Please indicate which ONE of the items in the list below is MOST important to you:

0	Welcomin	g diverse	groups of	f people

- C Ensuring housing is available for a diverse population
- Offering gathering places for diverse ages and interests
- O Providing books and other materials for a diverse population in the library

# \*16. Table 6A: TOWN GOVERNMENT - Importance How important are each of the following items to you in preserving or improving

### Lexington?

	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all
Acting with integrity	$\circ$	0	O	0	O
Balancing short-term needs with long-term issues	0	O	O	O	O
Acting in a fiscally responsible manner	0	0	0	O	O
Living within constraints of Proposition 2 1/2	0	O	O	O	0
Making information on decisions and actions easy to obtain (including acting in a fiscally transparent manner)	0	0	О	О	O
Capitalizing on the diversity of the Town's population	0	O	O	O	O
Encouraging citizen participation in Town affairs	0	0	0	O	O
Participating in regional groups to share resource, services and ideas	O	O	O	0	0
Planning for the long-term future	0	O	0	O	O

### \*17. Table 6B: TOWN GOVERNMENT - Current Performance

# How would you rate the current performance of the Town with regard to each of the following items?

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Acting with integrity	O	O	O	0	0	0
Balancing short-term needs with long-term issues	O	O	0	0	O	0
Acting in a fiscally responsible manner	0	0	0	0	0	O
Living within constraints of Proposition 2 1/2	O	O	0	0	O	0
Making information on decisions and actions easy to obtain (including acting in a fiscally transparent manner)	О	O	О	О	O	О
Capitalizing on the diversity of the Town's population	0	O	0	0	0	0
Encouraging citizen participation in Town affairs	O	O	0	0	O	O
Participating in regional groups to share resource, services and ideas	0	O	0	O	O	0
Planning for the long-term future	O	O	O	O	O	O

### \*18. Table 6C: TOWN GOVERNMENT

## Please indicate which ONE of the items in the list below is MOST important to you:

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	0	Acting with integrity
	0	Balancing short-term needs with long-term issues
	0	Acting in a fiscally responsible manner
	0	Living within constraints of Proposition 2 1/2
	0	Making information on decisions and actions easy to obtain (including acting in a fiscally transparent manner)
	0	Capitalizing on the diversity of the Town's population
	0	Encouraging citizen participation in Town affairs
	0	Participating in regional groups to share resource, services and ideas
	0	Planning for the long-term future

# \*19. Table 7A: TOWN SERVICES (Police, Fire, Public Works, Library, Human Services, Recreation, etc.) - Importance

# How important are each of the following items to you in preserving or improving Lexington?

	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not very	Not at all
Ensuring public safety (police, fire and emergency medical services)	С	О	0	O	О
Maintaining roads and sidewalks (including street cleaning, snow removal, pick-up of debris, timely repairs)	С	C	O	O	С
Offering sports fields and facilities for diverse activities, including recreation	0	0	O	О	0
Providing comprehensive library services	0	O	O	O	O
Providing quality services and facilities for senior citizens	O	0	O	0	O
Delivering Town services in a responsive and friendly manner	O	0	O	0	O
Delivering Town services cost-effectively	0	0	0	0	0
Allocating adequate money for Town services	0	O	O	O	O

# \*20. Table 7B: TOWN SERVICES (Police, Fire, Public Works, Library, Human Services, Recreation, etc.) - Current Performance

# How would you rate the current performance of the Town with regard to each of the following items?

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	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Don't Know
Ensuring public safety (police, fire and emergency medical services)	С	О	O	О	О	О
Maintaining roads and sidewalks (including street cleaning, snow removal, pick-up of debris, timely repairs)	O	O	0	O	O	O
Offering sports fields and facilities for diverse activities, including recreation	0	O	O	O	0	0
Providing comprehensive library services	0	O	O	O	O	O
Providing quality services and facilities for senior citizens	0	0	0	O	0	0
Delivering Town services in a responsive and friendly manner	O	0	0	O	0	0
Delivering Town services cost-effectively	0	0	O	0	O	O
Allocating adequate money for Town services	0	O	0	0	O	0

# \*21. Table 7C: TOWN SERVICES (Police, Fire, Public Works, Library, Human Services, Recreation, etc.)

## Please indicate which ONE of the items in the list below is MOST important to you:

0	Ensuring public safety (police, fire and emergency medical services)
0	Maintaining roads and sidewalks (including street cleaning, snow removal, pick-up of debris, timely repairs)
0	Offering sports fields and facilities for diverse activities, including recreation
0	Providing comprehensive library services
0	Providing quality services and facilities for senior citizens
0	Delivering Town services in a responsive and friendly manner
0	Delivering Town services cost-effectively

Allocating adequate money for Town services

	22. Are there issues, other than those we have identified, that you feel are important to consider when preserving or improving Lexington? If so, please indicate those in the space below:									
23. As the Town of all citizens. In each of the area following items point allocation	n order to h as for planr in terms of	elp us ning id their	better ( lentified importa	do this above nce to	, the fol . Please you. Pl	lowing of allocate lease b	question te 100 p pe sure	n asks y oints a that y	you to mong t your t	rate the otal
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Enhancing economic dev	•	ttracting t	ousinesses, to	ourism,						
Assuring educational exceeducational opportunities		ality of pu	ıblic educatio	n,						
Addressing environmenta consumption, sustainabil		serving o	pen space, ei	nergy						
Safeguarding the physical historic venues, traffic flo		Town (e	.g., neighborl	hoods,						
Insuring the quality of To	-			g in a						
Delivering Town services needs)	(e.g., public safet	y, respon	siveness to c	itizens'						
*24. Taking ev	erything in	to acc	count, or	ı a scal	e from '	1 to 10 (	where '	l = not a	at all s	atisfied
and 10 = extrem	nely satisfic	ed), ho	ow satisf	fied are	you cu	rrently	with Le	xington	as a p	lace to
live? (Please ch	oose the r	espon	se that b	est inc	licates	your de	gree of	satisfa	ction,	by placin
a check mark i	1 the circle 1: Not at all satisfied	2 most	approp	riate fo	or you.)	6	7	8	9	10: Extremely
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## 20/20 Vision Survey-Part 2

PART TWO: The last few questions ask for background information about you. This information will not be used to identify individual respondents. It will be used in aggregated form to assess patterns of responses to the above questions. For each question, please either check the circle next to the appropriate answer for you or provide an answe when requested.

*:	26. What is your sex?
0	Male
0	Female
*:	27. What is your age?
0	Under 18
0	18-24
0	25-34
0	35-44
0	45-54
0	55-59
0	60-64
0	65-69
0	70-74
0	75-79
0	80-84
0	85 or older
*:	28. What is your occupation?

*2	29. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?
0	Less than high school
0	High school degree or GED
0	Some college
0	College degree
0	Master's degree
0	Professional degree (e.g., medicine, law)
0	Ph.D.
*:	30. With which of the following group do you most identify?
0	Hispanic or Latino/a
0	White
0	Black or African American
0	American Indian or Alaska Native
0	Asian - Chinese
0	Asian - Asian Indian
0	Asian - Filipino
0	Asian - Japanese
0	Asian - Korean
0	Asian - Other
0	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
0	Some Other Race
Mult	ti-racial/ethinc (please specify):
	In which precinct (number) do you reside? you don't know, please consult http://wheredoivotema.com/bal/myelectioninfo.php)

# Lexington 20/20 Vision Survey \*32. How long have you lived in Lexington? C Less than one year 1-5 years 6-10 years 11-20 years More than 20 years \*33. What initially drew you to Lexington as a place to live? (Please check all that apply.) I grew up here. ☐ The schools ☐ The history Location ☐ Family Friends Other (please specify): \*34. How likely is it that you will still be living in Lexington in the year 2020? Very likely Somewhat likely Somewhat unlikely Very unlikely O Don't know \*35. What is the number of people living in your household at the current time? One, I live alone. ○ Two C Three or more \*36. How many children aged 18 or younger live in your household? O None One ○ Two C Three or more

*:	37. What is the approximate value of your residence?
0	I am a renter.
0	Less than \$400,000
0	Between \$400,000 and \$550,000
0	Between \$551,000 and \$650,000
0	Between \$651,000 and \$750,000
0	Between \$751,000 and \$850,000
0	Between \$851,000 and \$950,000
0	Between \$951,000 and \$1,500,000
0	Between \$1,501,000 and \$2,500,000
0	More than \$2,501,000
0	Don't know
38.	Please select from one of the income categories below to indicate your annual
	usehold income for 2011.
0	Less than \$30,000
0	\$30,000 to \$50,000
0	\$51,000 to \$75,000
0	\$76,000 to \$100,000
0	\$101,000 to \$150,000
0	\$151,000 to \$200,000
0	\$201,000 to \$300,000
0	\$301,000 to \$500,000
0	More than \$500,000
*:	39. Are you a registered voter?
0	Yes (If you are a registered voter, please respond to question # 40.)
0	No (If you are not a registered voter, please skip to question # 41.)
40.	If you answered "Yes," did you vote in the last municipal election in March 2012?
0	Yes
0	No

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# \*41. For each of the following, please indicate whether you and/or a member of your family has participated in the activity during this past year.

	You	A family member
Participated in a Recreation Department class, camp or trip		
Utilized ball fields or playgrounds		
Used community walking trails or bike trails		
Taken a Community Education class		
Attended a program at the library		
Checked out any materials (books, DVDs, etc.) from the library		
Used the Senior Center (e.g., taken a class, eaten a meal)		
Ridden on Lexpress		
Received assistance from the Police or Fire Departments		
Received assistance from Human Services		

\*42. This question asks about your participation in community activities. For each type of activity, please indicate (by checking the circle next to the appropriate response for you) whether you currently participate in the activity, used to participate in the activity, or never participated in the activity.

	Currently participate	Used to participate	Never participated
Lexington Town Meeting member	С	О	0
Town of Lexington committee or board member (e.g., Planning Board, Council on Aging, 2020 Committee)	O	O	O
Lexington community activity volunteer (e.g., Little League, Lexington Youth Soccer, League of Women Voters, Garden Club, Lexington Education Foundation, Historical Society, Cary Library volunteer)	C	C	0
Lexington schools volunteer (e.g., PTA, LexFun, room parent)	C	0	O
Religious institution volunteer	С	О	O
Other (please specify):			

44. Thank you very much for your time and your thoughtful responses.

A report based on the findings of this survey will be posted on the Town of Lexington website at http://www.lexingtonma.gov. If you would like a copy of the report sent to you directly, please provide your name and E-mail address below:

Name:			
E-mail address:			